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For:	Method and Apparatus for Providing Scalability and Fault Tolerance in a Distributed Network)))		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Pursuant to Rule 1.136(a) Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action dated October 28, 2005. Our check in the amount of \$450.00, the extension fee required for a response filed within the second month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)), is submitted concurrently herewith.

Please charge any debits and credit any overages to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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